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SUBJECT: USUN INSTRUCTION: SWEDEN'S CANDIDATURE FOR UNIFEM
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

REF: 03DEC2009 WEOG COMMUNICATION #2

Classified By: IO Assistant Secretary Esther Brimmer;
Reason: 1.4(B), (D)

1.(U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 4.

¶2. (SBU) The Consultative Committee (CC) of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) is a committee of five (5) experts that meets once a year to provide guidance to UNIFEM on program and policy matters. The CC also advises the UNDP Administrator on all policy matters affecting UNIFEM. The President of the UN General Assembly designates, with regard to equitable geographical distribution, five member states to serve on the CC for a term of three years. Norway's term ends December 2009, and REF WEOG requests the endorsement of the candidature of Sweden. A silence procedure will begin December 8, with an election (likely by acclamation) on December 14.

¶3. (SBU) USG considers Sweden a strong candidate to work on the CC while UNIFEM transitions into the new gender entity.

¶4. (C) USDEL is authorized to not/not break the silence procedure, and to support SWEDEN in the election for the CC of UNIFEM.
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